

Jane Austen Society of Adelaide

Program History 2025-1996

2025

February	Education in the Colonies by Wendy Whittaker
March	Mr Collins by Graeme Gepp
April	Mansfield Park the opera by Gillian Dooley
May	Austen, Shakespeare and Wilde by Gail Abercrombie
June	Transport in Jane's Time by Margaret Starrs
July	Regency Lunch – all sharing
August	Jane's Fame by Helen Zielinski
September	Characters liked/disliked – group discussion
October	Discovering Anna by Lynnaire Hawker
November	Lydia Bennet by Stephanie Jarrat
December	Jane Austen's birthday lunch – all sharing

2024

February	Crafts, Clothes & Treasures – all sharing
March	Class & Courtesy – played video by Devoney Looser
April	Jane Austen and Cricket by Graeme Gepp*
May	Regency Food by Margaret Starrs
June	Jane Austen Quiz by Lynnaire and Barbara
July	Luxury, Fashion, Labour –video by Professor Devoney Looser
August	Structure and Form of the Novels – by Lynnaire Hawker
September	The Watsons – reading and group discussion
October	The Watsons – reading and group discussion

November **Jane Austen's Sweethearts** – card game created by Joan Ting

December **Jane Austen's birthday lunch** – all sharing

2023

February **Minor Characters in the novels** – group discussion

March **Links with the East India Company** – by Wendy Whittaker

April ***Pride and Prejudice* readings** – by Barbara Baldock

May **Study of *Pride and Prejudice*** – group discussion

June **Study of *Pride and Prejudice*** – group discussion

July **Final discussion of *Pride and Prejudice*** – group discussion

August **Richest Characters in the Novels** – by Joan Ting

September **Happily Ever After** – by Lynnaire Hawker

October **Why Jane Austen Remains Popular** – by Rosalie Somerset

November **Caroline Austen and Jane's Music** by Gillian Dooley

December **Jane Austen's birthday lunch** – all sharing

2022

February **Villains in the Novels** – group discussion

March **Use of Poetry in the Novels** by Steven Chugg

April ***Mansfield Park* Overview** - video by Professor Devoney Looser

May **Study of *Mansfield Park*** – group discussion

June **Study of *Mansfield Park*** – group discussion

July **Use of Games in the Novels** by Rosalie Somerset

August **British Life in Revolutionary Times** – video by Professor Devoney Looser

- September **Homes Jane Lived In** by Gail Abercrombie
- October **Spinsters and Bachelors** by Dr Rory Muir
- November **Wishing the Juvenilia Away** by Gillian Dooley
- December **Jane Austen's birthday lunch** – all sharing

2021

- February **The Laws Affecting Women (R)** by Judge Gordon Barrett QC*
- March **Siblings in the Novels** by Mary Vlahakis
- April **Catherine or The Bower** by Lynne McGee
- May **The Navy Connection (R)** by Joan Ting
- June **History of England** by Gail Abercrombie
- July **Sibling Relationships** – group discussion
- August **Buccaneers, Corsairs and Privateers** by Lynnaire Hawker
- September **Austen / Vampire Fiction** by Eric Parisot*
- October **Jane and the Sea** by Rosalie and Gail at Victor Harbor
- November **Jane Austen's Favourite Poets** by Steven Chugg
- December **Jane Austen's birthday lunch** – all sharing

2020

- February **Be Persuaded Clothing Exhibition at St Peters**
- March **Meeting cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic**
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- June **Meeting cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic**
- July ***Sense and Sensibility* readings** led by Barbara Baldock
- August ***Sense and Sensibility* readings** led by Barbara Baldock

- September **'A more gentle, less dignified, forgiveness** by Gillian Dooley and Charles Dufour
- October **The French Connection** by Gillian Dooley at the Barr-Smith Library, University of Adelaide
- November **Meeting cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic lockdown**
- December **Business meeting**

2019

- February ***Persuasion*** – group discussion
- March ***Persuasion*** -reading the cancelled chapter – group discussion
- April **Jane's Music Collection** by Gillian Dooley
- May **A character in Austen** – members choose - group discussion
- June ***Lover's Vows*** led by Barbara Baldock from Paula Byrne's book
- July **Quiz and play *Lover's Vows*** led by Madge Mitton and group discussion
- August ***Sanditon*** by Margaret Starrs
- September **A Walk through Jane's England** by Mary Vlahakis
- October **Books as our friends** by Lynnaire Hawker
- November **Jane Austen's Poetry** by Steven Chugg
- December **Jane Austen's birthday lunch** – all sharing

2018

- February **Our Austen Journeys** – group discussion
- March **Music, gender and class in the novels** by Gillian Dooley
- April **Death in the novels** by Gillian Dooley
- May **Younger Sons and their Careers** by Rory Muir*
- June **The Jane Austen Money Machine** by Gail

Abercrombie

- July **The Quiz** by Madge Mitton and the play **Austensibility** – by all
- August **Austen and Scott** by Professor Graham Tulloch*
- September **Jane Austen and Zombies** by Eric Parisot*
- October **Persuasion** – readings by all and group discussion
- November **Persuasion** – readings by all and group discussion
- December **Jane Austen’s birthday lunch** – all sharing

2017

- February **Emma Volume 3** – group discussion
- March **Emma Volume 3** – group discussion
- April **Emma** – group discussion
- May **Emma** – group discussion
- June **Animal Welfare** by Faith
- July **Immortal Austen Conference** – Gillian Dooley/Flinders University
- August **Immortal Austen Conference** – follow up and group discussion
- September **Day session at Estia with The Quiz** by Madge Mitton and reading of **Lady Susan**
- October **Love and Freindship - Viewing DVD**
- November **Jane’s Names** by Joan Ting
- December **Jane Austen’s birthday lunch** – all sharing

2016

- February **Northanger Abbey** – reading and group discussion
- March **Northanger Abbey** – reading and group discussion
- April **Matthew Flinders** by Lynnaire Hawker
- May **Jane and Anthony Trollope** – by Dr Nigel Starck*
- June **Jane and Sir Walter Scott and names** by Professor

Graham Tulloch*

- July **Jane Austen and her Heroines** by Gillian Dooley*
- August **The Quiz** by Madge Mitton
- September **Jane Austen and 20th Century Authors** by Helen Halstead
- October **Emma** – reading and group discussion at Estia
- November **Emma** – reading and group discussion
- December **Jane Austen’s birthday lunch** – all sharing

2015

- February **Special Guest – Penny Ashton**
- March **Fathers and Daughters** – group discussion
- April **The Gothic Novel** by Lynnaire Hawker
- May **Emma** in Three Volumes – a visit to the State Library – Helen Z
- June **Austen, Scott and the Gothic** by Professor Graham Tulloch*
- July **The Quiz** by Madge Mitton
- August **Cocoa, coffee and tea** by Joan Ting
- September **Servants** by Margaret Starrs
- October **Northanger Abbey** reading and group discussion – Day session at Estia
- November **Northanger Abbey** reading and group discussion
- December **Jane Austen’s birthday lunch** – all sharing

2014

- February **Brothers in the novels** – group discussion
- March **Obituaries in Jane’s Time** by Nigel Starck*
- April **Dining Habits** by Margaret Starrs
- May **The Regency Era** by Barbara Baldock
- June **The Quiz** by Madge Mitton

- July **Jane Austen's Letters** by Helen Z
- August **The Rise of Detective Novels** by Lynnaire Hawker
- September **The Well-read Heroine** by Joan Ting
- October **Balls and Dances** – group discussion
- November Playing **Jane Austen's Sweethearts** – a card game
created by Joan Ting
- December **Jane Austen's birthday lunch** – all sharing

2013

- February **Our books about Jane Austen** – group discussion
- March **Joan's project** by Joan Ting
- April **Costumes** – Kaye Inverarity* from the Victoriana
Society
- May **Music in Jane Austen's Life and Work** by Gillian
Dooley*
- June **The Quiz** by Madge Mitton
- July **Landscape Gardeners of the 18th century** by Joan
Ting
- August **Jane Austen: Happily ever after** by Lynnaire
Hawker
- September **Sir Walter Scott and Jane Austen** by Professor
Graham Tulloch*
- October **Mr Darcy: Sex and the Single Man About Town**
by Helen Z
- November **DVD: Jane Austen Society** by Lea and Margaret
- December **Jane Austen's birthday lunch** – all sharing

2012

- February **Marriages in the Novels** – group discussion
- March **Favourite Austen Heroines** – group discussion
- April **The Garden that Jane knew and loved** – by Joan

	Ting
May	Surprise (a board game) by Joan Ting
June	The Quiz by Madge Mitton
July	Dances in the Novels Part 2 by Wendy Whittaker
August	Discussion: <i>Emma</i> by Barbara Baldock
September	Fathers in the Novels by Helen Halstead
October	General group discussion
November	Voices in Jane Austen's Novels – by Dr Tom Burton*
December	Jane Austen's birthday lunch – all sharing

2011

February	Our favourite books (non-Jane Austen) – group discussion
March	Women Writers 1880-1900 by Lynnaire Hawker
April	Dances in the Novels by Wendy Whittaker
May	Money, money, money by Joan Ting
June	The Quiz by Madge Mitton
July	Jane's <i>Juvenilia</i> – group discussion
August	Spin-offs from Jane Austen – group discussion
September	Mothers in the Novels by Madge Mitton
October	Jane Austen and the India Connection by Gerrit Stafford*
November	<i>Sense and Sensibility</i> by Dr Tom Burton*
December	Jane Austen's birthday lunch – all sharing

2010

February	Favourite male character – group discussion
March	Aunts in the Novels by Madge Mitton
April	A Fling at the Slave Trade by Joan Ting
May	19th Century Critiques of Jane Austen by Margaret

Starrs

- June **The Quiz** by Madge Mitton
July ***The Watsons*** a discussion led by Barbara Baldock
August **Sisters** – group discussion
September **The Times of Jane Austen** – by Ann
October **Anne Elliott** by Dr Tom Burton*
November **Mary Crawford – a defence** by Barbara Baldock
December **Jane Austen’s birthday lunch** – all sharing

2009

- February **A character exposing their true nature** – group discussion
March **Shoes Jane Wore** by Geoff and Geraldine Treloar*
April ***Mansfield Park* and London Theatre** by Matthew H-Clark*
May **Jane Austen’s Education** by Joan Ting
June **Let’s Go to Antigua** by Peggy Butt
July **The Quiz** by Madge Mitton
August **The Industrial Revolution** by Lynnaire Hawker
September **Fanny Price** by Dr Tom Burton*
October **On *Sanditon*** by Barbara Baldock
November **Jane Austen’s Time** by Barbara and Bob Baldock
December **Jane Austen’s birthday lunch** – all sharing

2008

- February **Favourite incident from the novels** – group discussion
March **Miniature dolls in costumes** by Bev Henderson*
April **The case for and against Marianne Dashwood** by Cate and Barabara
May **The Navy Connection** by Joan Ting

- June **The Quiz** by Madge Mitton
- July **The Law as it affected Women** by Gordon Barrett QC, Introduced by Ann Gardiner
- August **On *Lady Susan*** by Barbara Baldock
- September **Roads, Rail and Reform** by Lynnaire Hawker
- October ***Northanger Abbey: the poor relation?*** By Dr Tom Burton*
- November **Jane Austen's Aunts – real and fictional** by Gaynor
- December **Jane Austen's birthday lunch** – all sharing

2007

- February **Favourite passages in the novels** – group discussion
- March **Food and Dining Habits** by Margaret Starrs
- April **Pictures from Russia and Chawton** by Barbara and Bob
- May **Clergymen in the Novels** by Madge Mitton
- June **The Quiz** by Madge Mitton, and lunch
- July **Costumes and Clothing** by Lois and Joan Ting
- August **Jane Austen's Patchwork Quilt** by Kate and Robin
- September ***Northanger Abbey*** by Barbara Baldock
- October **Jane Austen's Dinner Parties** by Erica
- November ***Emma*** by Phillips Forward
- December **Jane Austen's birthday lunch** – all sharing

2006

- February **Sighting Jane Austen in the UK** by Gaynor
- March **Games People Played** by Madge Mitton
- April **Jane Austen's Dinner Parties** by Erica
- May **Jane Austen's Villains** by Erica and Barbara

- June **18th Century Music** by Karl Schenscher*
- July **Proposal Scenes in films of *Pride and Prejudice*** – group discussion
- August **Medicine of the era** by Helen Halstead
- September **The Quiz** by Madge Mitton, and lunch
- October ***The Real Jane Austen* – TV Documentary** – group discussion
- November **Bathing and Cleanliness** by Erica
- December **Jane Austen’s birthday lunch** – all sharing

2005

- February **Favourite passages** – group discussion
- March **Money and Marriage in Austen and Trollope** by Madge Mitton
- April **Jane Austen’s In-Laws** by Erica
- May **Mr Darcy’s Dinner – table settings/food** by Barb, Lynnaire and Rosalia
- June **The Quiz** by Madge Mitton, and lunch
- July **Regency Costumes, lace and accessories** by Kay Inverarity*
- August **Letter Writing and Mail Delivery** by Karl Schenscher*
- September **General group discussion**
- October **Children in the novels** by Rosalia Bland
- November **Jane and Cassandra** by Cate Thurlow
- December **Jane Austen’s birthday lunch** – all sharing

2004

- February **Women – what they ate** by Dr Andrea Castle*
- March **The Shallow and Lucky Fellows** by Gaynor
- April **Costume** by Kay Inverarity* from the Victoriana Society

May	<i>Sense and Sensibility</i> by Madge Mitton
June	The Quiz by Madge Mitton, and lunch
July	Dance of the 18th Century by Karl Schenscher*
August	The Incredible Virtue of Fanny and Edward by Erica
September	Birth practices in Jane Austen's time by Shelagh
October	What school boys knew and Jane Austen didn't by Shelagh
November	The 18th Century Theatre that Jane saw by Lynnaire
December	Jane Austen's birthday lunch – all sharing

2003

February	What characters did in their holidays – group discussion
March	Bathing Habits of the 18th Century by Erica
April	A View on Music by Karl Schenscher*
May	Fathers by Helen Halstead
June	<i>Northanger Abbey</i> by Barb and Claire
July	Celebrating Jane Austen PPP by Rosalia Bland
August	Seaside towns in the novels by Gaynor*
September	Postal Services in the 18th Century by Joan Gaunt
October	Catherine Morland's growth – flower drawings by Claire and Barb
November	<i>Emma</i> – Matinee performance at the Arts Theatre
December	Jane Austen's birthday lunch – all sharing

2002

February	Fantasy Romance of Jane/Matthew Flinders by Lynnaire
March	Literary Culture of the 18th Century by Claire

April	A look at previous subjects – group discussion
May	A look at the two <i>Emma's</i> – the movies by Gaynor
June	Card Games played in the novels by Madge Mitton
July	Favourite Characters – group discussion
August	The Quiz by Lynnaire; Emma's Growth-discussion led by Barb
September	Jane Austen Detectives by Barbara
October	Wimps – rating lesser males – group discussion
November	London of the 18th Century by Dennis Cooper*
December	Jane Austen's birthday lunch – all sharing

2001

February	Her trip to JASNA meeting in Boston by Zena Chapman
March	Jane Austen's dinner parties and the food by Erica
April	Her trip to Bath and her thoughts of the city by Emily Hunt
May	Mothers and Others – group discussion
June	Jane Austen's Aunts by Madge
July	A Man's View of Jane Austen by Karl Schenscher*
August	Aspects of Fanny Price by Gaynor McEachen
September	Costume Design in the Jane Austen Era by Miriam Voskullen*
October	Has Jane Austen any Heroes? by Erica and Barbara
November	Bluestocking by Shelagh
December	Shared lunch

2000

February	Arrival scenes – group discussion
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March	There's something about <i>Emma</i> by Joan Gaunt
April	Why people read Jane Austen by Madge
May	The Adumbrative Advertiser Mr Collins by Lynnaire
June	Father and daughter relationships – group discussion
July	History of Harp and place in Jane Austen by Prudence Hart
August	British Law during Jane Austen's time by Gordon Barrett QC*
September	Circulating Libraries by Gerret Stafford*
October	Defence of Henry Crawford by Barbara
November	Tour of Botanic Gardens – focus on English garden trees
December	“A Fruity Melodrama” by Lynnaire/Cheryl/Barb

1999

February	Money and characters by Erica
March	Walk in our Botanic Gardens (40+) to see statues and fountains
April	Partings in the novels – group discussion
May	What Art would have hung on the walls by Claire Jones
June	Living areas of homes in the novels - group discussion
July	D'Arcy's progress to become respectable hero/husband – group discussion
August	Persuasion weekend at Casa Monte Bello B&B at Lenswood
September	Birthing practices by Dr Shelagh Brown
October	Science of the time by Jenny
November	18th Century silhouettes by Dorothy Bowley

December **Reading our Endings for *Sanditon*** before lunch

1998

February **The Church of England** by Helen Patterson*

March **Funeral Customs** by Rob Nichol*

April **Heroines** by Sharon Mount-Gill

May **Food of the 18th Century** – turkey rolls, apple marmalade, rose geranium sauce – by Betty Gorton

June Quiet reflective group after death of Claudia

July **Jane Austen** by Martin Williams*

August **Sanditon** – group discussion

September **Costumes and Fabrics of the time** by Leslie Lynn

October **The Education of Women** by Erica Roderick

November **Quiz – Trivia and fun** by Lynnaire Hawker

December **“Austen speaks”** by Erica at the German Club

1997

February **Money and Marriage** by Dr Madge Mitton

March **Marriage** – group discussion

April **Organs of SA** by Karl Schenscher*

May **The endings of books** by Claudia

June **Heroes** by Claudia

July **The Relatives Puzzle** by Claudia and Madge

August **Emma the best book** by Claudia

September **Interiors** by Claudia

October **The Quiz** by Claudia

November **Mansfield Park** by Dr Tom Burton*

December **Jane Austen’s birthday** at Shelagh’s

1996

February	<i>Sense and Sensibility</i> by Claudia Quinn-Young
March	Characters in <i>Sense and Sensibility</i> by Claudia
April	<i>Sense and Sensibility</i> - All sharing
May	All brought food from the period - for lunch at Shelagh Brown's
June	Marriage especially in <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> by John Hunt*
July	Information missing
August	<i>Mansfield Park</i> and how it differs from other novels
September	Criticism of all films of Jane Austen novels by Claudia
October	Fanny Price by Claudia
November	Fanny and other females by Claudia
December	All took food and had an 18th Century meal at Shelagh's

Notes:

All Topics are in bold with titles of novels in italics.

All guest speakers are 'starred' (*).

Talks that have been repeated are marked (R).

Concise History

In 1996 the first meetings were in the old Library on North Terrace, then in the Library coffee shop. Next, the group met at the Botanic Gardens in the mulberry ring near the creek.

Following this, the group began to meet at Shelagh Brown's home in North Adelaide, then the Catholic Church Hall in North Adelaide, then the hall in Oxford Terrace in Unley. December meetings were at the Wakefield Hotel or the German Club. In these years we used to meet in January as well.

After an extensive search for a home by Lynnaire, the group began to meet at WEA from the beginning of 2000.

We no longer meet in January, and the December meeting is always Jane Austen's Birthday lunch.

Information not found:

July 1996

September 2005 – listed as Vivien Kwang doing Inventions but this didn't happen

List of Guest Speakers

Claudia Quinn-Young

John Hunt

Karl Schenscher - Expert Musician

Dr Tom Burton

Helen Patterson

Rob Nicol

Martin Williams

Judge Gordon Barrett QC

Gerret Stafford

Dennis Cooper

Dr Andrea Castle

Kay Inverarity - Victorian Society

Bev Henderson

Geoff & Geraldine Treloar - Retired Podiatrists Shoe Collection

Matthew H- Clark

Prof. Graham Tulloch

Dr Nigel Starck

Dr. Rory Muir

Eric Parisot

Charles Dufour